



HCPCS AND HIPAA: THE CMS ROLE

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WHAT ARE PLACE OF SERVICE CODES?

- TWO-DIGIT, NUMERIC CODES THAT IDENTIFY WHERE A SERVICE WAS RENDERED
- MAINTAINED BY CMS PLACE OF SERVICE WORKGROUP - CHAIRED BY MEDICAID CODING STAFF, ALSO INCLUDES MEDICARE AND SYSTEMS EXPERTS

USES OF POS CODES

- DETERMINING PAYMENT RATES
- DECIDING WHETHER PROVIDER CAN BILL PROGRAM DIRECTLY
- COLLECTING DATA FOR RESEARCH

WHY POS CODES ARE REQUESTED

- NEW SETTINGS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY BASED ON:
 - CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY
 - NEEDS OF POPULATION SERVED
 - NEW LEGISLATION
- HIPAA REQUIREMENTS

HOW TO REQUEST NEW POS CODE

- SUBMIT REQUEST FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AT WWW.HCFA.GOV/MEDICAID/POSHOME.HTM
- QUESTIONS ON NEED, ADEQUACY OF CURRENT CODES, EFFECTS ON CURRENT CODES AND PROVIDERS
- CMS POS WORKGROUP DISCUSSES REQUESTS, REVISES DATABASE QUARTERLY TO REFLECT NEW CODES

EXAMPLES OF RECENTLY APPROVED POS CODES

- 03 SCHOOL
- 04 HOMELESS SHELTER
- 05-08 IHS AND TRIBAL 638
FREESTANDING AND PROVIDER
BASED FACILTIES
- 15 MOBILE UNIT
- 20 URGENT CARE FACILITY

CMS MAINTAINS HCPCS LEVEL II CODE SET

- HCPCS II=STANDARD CODE SET FOR DESCRIBING NON-PHYSICIAN MEDICAL PROCEDURES
- HCPCS WORKGROUP:
 - REVIEWS REQUESTS
 - MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS TO NATIONAL PANEL IF MEDICARE COVERS
 - MAKES FINAL DECISIONS IF MEDICARE DOES NOT COVER



CMS ORGANIZATION AND HCPCS

● HCPCS WORKGROUP

- MAJOR COMPONENTS REPRESENTED
- MEDICAID CODING STAFF AND STATE MEDICAID REP PARTICIPATE
- MEETS MONTHLY, AS NECESSARY
- TRADITIONALLY HAS DEVOTED MUCH OF AGENDA TO REVIEW OF PRODUCTS BASED ON NEW TECHNOLOGY

HCPCS CODE REQUEST PROCESS - STANDARD

- APPLIES TO REQUESTS WITH MEDICARE IMPLICATIONS, E.G., DMEPOS, DRUGS
- PROCESS DESCRIBED AT WWW.HCFA.GOV/MEDICARE/HCPCS.HTM
- 22 QUESTIONS WITH QUESTIONS ON SALES FIGURES, FDA APPROVAL
- COORDINATED BY CMS MEDICARE STAFF
- FINAL NATIONAL PANEL DECISIONS REFLECTED IN NEXT ANNUAL UPDATE, RELEASED IN OCTOBER

HCPCS CODE REQUEST PROCESS - MEDICAID

- APPLIES TO REQUESTS INITIATED BY STATES WITH NO MEDICARE IMPLICATIONS; NOT FOR DMEPOS, DRUGS
- PROCESS DESCRIBED AT WWW.HCFA.GOV/MEDICAID/HCPCS.HTM
- 6 QUESTIONS WITH FOCUS ON BUSINESS NEED
- CMSO MEDICAID STAFF COORDINATES PRELIMINARY REVIEW
- WORKGROUP DECISIONS POSTED TO WEB (WWW.HCFA.GOV/MEDICARE/HCPCS.HTM), NOT EFFECTIVE FOR 90 DAYS

STATUS OF MEDICAID REQUESTS



- CODES APPROVED: CASE MANAGEMENT, FQHC/RHC, TRANSPORTATION, HOME HEALTH, NURSING, BUNDLED SCHOOL HEALTH, TELEMEDICINE
- REVIEW COMPLETE: ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH, EPSDT, MISC., WAIVER
- UNDER REVIEW: VARIOUS STATE SUBMISSIONS
- AWAITING SUBMISSION: HOSPICE/RESPITE

...Explore Opportunities...Create Solutions...
...Bring Back Results...



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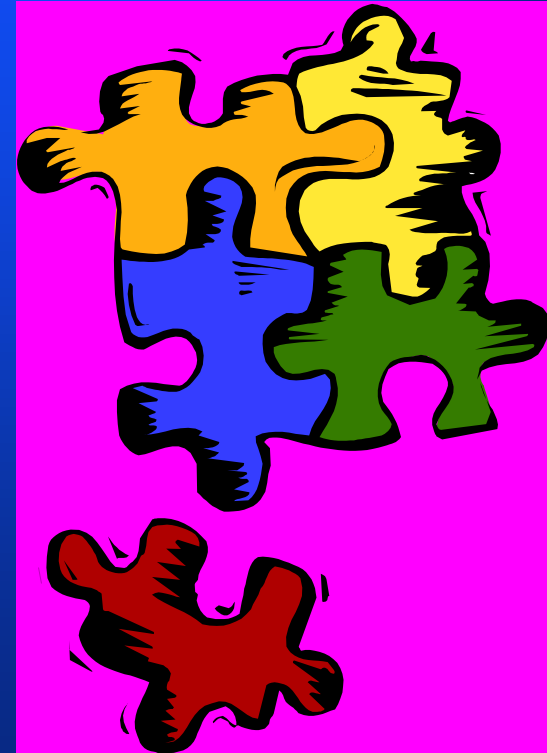


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